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**A. List of Restoration Activities**

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Routes would be subjected to a Class III, complete cultural resources inventory using transects on each side of the route spaced no more than 20 meters from centerline. All sites would be fully mapped, using GPS technology, and documented in the field. All sites would be entered on State DPR523 site record forms, entered into the GIS and submitted to the Eastern Information Center for trinomial designations.

**B. How the Proposed Project Relates to OHV Recreation**

All routes to be evaluated are active 2wd, 4wd and OHV user routes.

**C. Size of Project Site**

The Alabama Hills recreation area includes 1823 routes and route segments totaling 158 miles of routes. The project area for the cultural evaluation is 3150 acres of which a sample of roughly 1/3 or 1000 acres or 50 miles would be surveyed, targeting areas proposed for future restoration.

**D. Monitoring and Methodology**

**E. List of Reports**

Cultural Resources Inventory Report of the Alabama Hills OHV Routes Restoration Project.

**F. Goals, Objectives and Methodology / Peer Reviews**

The goal and objective is to acquire baseline data about cultural resources within the Alabama Hills along routes of travel so that future decision making can occur for restoration projects being planned by the BLM and the Alabama Hills Stewardship group. Routes would be subjected to a Class III, complete cultural resources inventory using transects on each side of the route spaced no more than 20 meters from centerline. All sites would be fully mapped, using GPS technology, and documented in the field. All sites would be entered on State DPR523 site record forms, entered into the GIS and submitted to the Eastern Information Center (EIC) for trinomial designations.

The report is reviewed by BLM professionals prior to submittal to the EIC which further disseminates the report to the professional community when projects arise in the area/region.

**G. Plan for Protection of Restored Area**

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**1. Project-Specific Maps**

Attachments:

[Project Map](#)

**2. Project-Specific Photos**

Attachments:

[Project Photo](#)

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
Agency: BLM - Bishop Field Office  
Application: Restoration Alabama Hills

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	BLM - Bishop Field Office		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Restoration Alabama Hills	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	<b>Staff</b>						
	Archeologist Notes : Supervisory archaeologist.	80.000	45.000	HRS	0.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
	Archeologist Notes : Archaeology technician.	1400.000	29.000	HRS	40,600.00	0.00	40,600.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				40,600.00	3,600.00	44,200.00
2	<b>Contracts</b>						
3	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
4	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	4x4 Vehicle	15000.00 0	0.420	MI	0.00	6,300.00	6,300.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Administrative Cost	1.000	4000.000	EA	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total Program Expenses					40,600.00	13,900.00	54,500.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					40,600.00	13,900.00	54,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					40,600.00	13,900.00	54,500.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	40,600.00	3,600.00	44,200.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		40,600.00	13,900.00	54,500.00	
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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9  
Survey only, no ground disturbing activities.

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

**ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**

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**1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)**

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is: 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)  
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)  
☐ 26% - 50% (3 points)  
☒ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

**2. Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2.**

2. Natural and Cultural Resources - Failure to fund the Project will result in adverse impacts to: 3

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Domestic water supply (4 points)  
☒ Archeological and historical resources identified in the California Register of Historical Resources or the Federal Register of Historic Places (3 points )  
☐ Stream or other watercourse (3 points)  
☐ Soils - Site actively eroding (2 points)  
☐ Sensitive areas (e.g., wilderness, riparian, wetlands, ACEC) (2 point each, up to a maximum of 6) Enter number of sensitive habitats  
☐ Threatened and Endangered (T&E) listed species (2 point each, up to a maximum of 6) Enter number of T&E species  
☐ Other special-status species- Number of special-status species (1 point each, up to a maximum of 3) Enter number of special-status species

Describe the type and severity of impacts that might occur relative to the checked item(s):

The Project is to survey routes likely for restoration treatments. Restoration treatments involve de-compaction of soils. Generally heavy equipment is used. The survey would identify those routes with cultural resources and the cultural sites would be protected from destruction by use of equipment.

**3. Reason for Project - Q 3.**

3. Reason for the Project 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Protect special-status species or cultural site (4 points)  
☐ Restore natural resource system damaged by OHV activity (4 points)  
☐ OHV activity in a closed area (3 points)  
☐ Alternative measures attempted, but failed (2 points)  
☐ Management decision (1 point)  
☐ Scientific and cultural studies (1 point)  
☐ Planning efforts associated with Restoration (1 point)

Reference Document

Cultural sites have been identified in the area and are recorded in the Cultural Resource Inventory report available at the Bishop Field Office.

**4. Measures to Ensure Success - Q 4.**

4. Measures to ensure success –The Project makes use of the following elements to ensure successful

implementation 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Site monitoring to prevent additional damage
- ☐ Construction of barriers and other traffic control devices
- ☐ Use of native plants and materials
- ☐ Incorporation of universally recognized 'Best Management Practices'
- ☐ Educational signage
- ☐ Identification of alternate OHV routes to ensure that OHV activities will not reoccur in restored area

Explain each item checked above:

Sites at risk identified would be monitored weekly by volunteer and paid staff until restoration techniques are determined and implemented.

**5. Publicly Reviewed Plan - Q 5.**

5. Is there a publicly reviewed and adopted plan (e.g., wilderness designation, land management plans, route designation decisions) that supports the need for the Restoration Project? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Identify plan

Bishop BLM Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (1993) on file with the Division

**6. Primary Funding Source - Q 6.**

6. Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the Project will be: 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Applicant's operational budget (5 points)  
☐ Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)  
☐ Other Grant funding (2 points)  
☐ OHV Trust Funds (No points)

If 'Operational budget' is checked, list reference document(s):

Future costs associated with the project would be paid for through BLM's Damaged Lands fund. Because we have not determined the extent of the restoration needed, dependant on cultural, this is not reflected in the cost estimate.

**7. Public Input - Q 7.**

7. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
- ☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
- ☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Public meetings with stakeholders, Alabama Hills Stewardship group) are held 5-6 time per year for the last 2 years.

These meeting are open to the public.

**8. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 8.**



8. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)  
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

Alabama Hills Stewardship group  
Health Communities of the Eastern Sierra  
Cal-Tech-Y (youth group)  
Friends of the Inyo

**9. Scientific and Cultural Studies - Q 9.**

9. Scientific and cultural studies will 2

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Determine appropriate Restoration techniques (2 points)  
☐ Examine potential effects of OHV Recreation on natural or cultural resources (2 points)  
☐ Examine methods to ensure success of Restoration efforts (1 point)  
☐ Lead to direct management action (1 point)

Explain each item checked above

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**10. Underlying Problem - Q 10.**

10. The underlying problem that resulted in the need for the Restoration Project has been effectively addressed and resolved 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (3 points)

Explain 'Yes' answer

Working with the Alabama Stewardship group we have identified many routes that are ancillary. Funding for the Project would effectively address the problem.

**11. Size of sensitive habitats - Q 11.**

11. Size of sensitive habitats (e.g., wilderness, riparian, wetlands, ACEC) within the Project Area which will be restored 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Greater than 10 acres (5 points)  
☐ 1 – 10 acres (3 points)  
☐ Less than 1 acre (1 points)  
☒ No sensitive habitat within Project Area (No points)